

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2003**

### **MUSEUM REGISTRATION FOR DICK INSTITUTE, BAIRD INSTITUTE AND DEAN CASTLE**

#### **Report by the Director of Community Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee that the Baird Institute, Dick Institute and Dean Castle Museums have met the rigorous registration standards of Resource (The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries) and are now designated as being Fully Registered museums.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council's Museums have collections of national and international significance and a team of staff responsible for the care, collection and public accessibility of these artefacts.
- 2.2 The Resource Registration Scheme is national and voluntary, and sets out the minimum standards for museums in collection care, public services and museum management.
- 2.3 A team of officers have now set about developing a Documentation Plan that will, over a period of time, create a framework for charting the collections held by East Ayrshire Council.
- 2.4 The Plan will provide a detailed framework that will drive the future of our Museum collections and help create a valuable resource that will touch people's lives and inspire their imagination, learning and creativity.

#### **3. TOWARDS THE FUTURE**

- 3.1 Becoming a Registered Museum is not just a paper exercise, but an acknowledgement of the professionalism of the team and their commitment to moving the service forward.
- 3.2 The plans for the future must now be ambitious and this is the point at which we begin to develop a new cultural offer for the people of East Ayrshire and the wider region which places our Museums at its heart.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil

**5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Not Applicable

**6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

**7. CONCLUSION**

7.1 Achieving Fully Registered status represents an important external verification of the quality of the Council's Museums service.

7.2 Progress on key issues i.e. the Documentation Plan will be monitored and reports sent to Resource annually.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the recent success in achieving Museum Registration for the Baird Institute, Dick Institute and Dean Castle Museums.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Correspondence with Resource between August 2002 and March 2003.

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Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576264 and ask for John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services.